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TO : Chief, Language and Area School

DATE: 1 November 1961

FROM : Deputy Chief, Language Training

SUBJECT: Weekly Activities Report

A. SIGNIFICANT ITEMS

None to report.

B. OTHER ACTIVITIES

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1. [REDACTED] was invited to address the Washington Linguistics Club on "Soviet Language Policy"--one of the studies he did at Harvard (1957-8). About forty persons attended from local academic institutions and Government agencies. Department of State's FSI was about the best represented. Considerable interest was expressed in the functions of Great Russian versus the 180 other tongues of the Soviet Union, and similar language problems in multilingual areas of sub-Saharan Africa, India, China and Indonesia. H

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2. [REDACTED] on temporary loan to us, has been assisting the Slavic Department part time. He is helping us to assemble and revise the full-time Russian course materials, record some Russian materials, and is participating in the interpreter course. As an experienced interrogator, he is able to write texts for mock escort-interpreter situations and actually play one of the roles in class.

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3. [REDACTED] has received a copy of Modern Japanese by Mieko S. Han. It will probably be useful for supplementary work, particularly Japanese reading. However, it does not seem to follow our teaching methods closely enough to be entirely satisfactory as a beginner's text. We would have to rework the linguistic notes somewhat and make a great number of conversation and drill tapes before it could be used. The search for a satisfactory beginning Japanese text continues, and we await with interest the publication of the FSI materials.

4. During the past week sixteen written proficiency tests were given in Arabic, Chinese, Danish, German, Greek, Italian, Japanese, Slovene, Spanish, Swedish and Vietnamese. Eleven of the candidates were from DD/P and five from other components.

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Twenty-eight oral proficiency tests in Arabic, Chinese, Danish, Dutch, French, German, Italian and Spanish were given this past week. Sixteen of the candidates were from DD/P and twelve from other components.

Twelve Language Award certificates were forwarded to the Registrar this past week.



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